

Meeting Minutes: DU Bridge Garden Steering Committee

Monday March 30, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m. - Driscoll Center Fireside Room

Student Attendees: Donna Jesenovec; Tay Dunklee; Ben Waldman, Emily Kornhauser, Annika Sohlstrom, Katia Gardia-Smith, Patty Palko; Eleanor Hooper

Faculty Attendees:

Community Attendees: Gail Neujahr, Donna Peterson, Eileen Abbattista

Status of garden design: Michael Buchenau will bring the completed garden design to the DUG Garden Leaders event (which several Steering Committee members plan to attend) on Tuesday, March 31. Ben will scan the design and forward by e-mail to the GSC list-serve. The surplus brick (~1,000 - 1,500 bricks) is available to use. We will not be available to use the existing garage for tool storage so we will have to sketch out plans for a shed.

Schedule for Student/Community Work Days: Weather has pushed the construction work schedule back. The date for the first build day has been changed to April 11th. Ben has made further refinements to the "Kaboom Build" model. An encouraging number of students have signed up for the event via the garden's page on Facebook. The students attending from the Sustainable Living ?? (Ben, help me with the right phrase here) also volunteered their support. Infrastructure leaders will be key to the success of the workday. Steering Committee members are urged to take on this role. Leaders needed and committee members pledged are:

Edging Installation (Hardscape) → Gail, Donna

Tree Move →

Irrigation →

Shed →

Digging Trenches →

Bridge →

Membership Status: Eileen reported that we have 14 people interested in applying for a plot. This is likely the capacity of the garden. Gardener eligibility criteria was discussed. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that eligibility would depend on three points 1) first come, first serve, 2) live in close proximity to the garden, 3) willing to work with students. Further, returning gardeners will be grandfathered. Zoe will run the student & gardener "speed-date" to match students with community members.

Irrigation Issues: Pam Marquez provided further refinements to our guidelines following the March 23 meeting. Ben will update the Responsibilities & Authorization document to reflect both the membership eligibility criteria and the irrigation specifications.

Education/Outreach: Excitement is building in Platt Park and the Rosedale community garden for the upcoming "Gardening through the Seasons" monthly workshops. Donna prepared a draft article promoting the workshops and solicited editing input from the committee. Once finalized, the document will be used for neighborhood newsletters, the Wash Park Profile, and the projectduet.com website.

Communication: The list-serve accessed through gsc@projectduet.com has been working well for inter-meeting communication between Steering Committee members and others who have expressed an interest in the garden. Ben setup the Bridge Community Garden as a Facebook "group". There is a section that allows us to post links to other sites, articles and blogs of interest, e.g. The National Gardening Association and the American Community Garden Association. Please forward any links of interest to Gail or Ben for posting. The www.projectduet.com website has been updated with the latest information about the Bridge Garden and Pam has volunteered to take over the main

website responsibilities.

Food Update – Eileen will bring food to the next meeting.

Mission Statement: Donna J. volunteered to write a mission statement for the Garden – please send any ideas to donna.jesenovec@du.edu

Next meeting: The Bridge Garden Steering Committee will meet on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Driscoll Center Fireside Room.

Thanks to everyone for their efforts and enthusiasm!

Gail Neujahr & Ben Waldman